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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 12, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A multi-tone image recording apparatus comprising:

a photosensitive member which moves in a sub-scanning direction;

a laser optical system which selectively generates a laser beam and scans said

photosensitive member with a spot of the laser beam in a main scanning direction

substantially perpendicular to said sub-scanning direction;

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